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MEMORANDUM FOR GEORGE CARVER

SUBJECT: DCI Objectives for the Intelligence Community for FY 1975

1. Attached is a draft listing of 11 "objectives" which we are proposing the DCI promulgate as his objectives for the Community for the coming year. The statement of objectives will respond to the President's letter of 22 March 1974, which requested that a Community report on Objectives for FY 1975 reach the President in early June. The DCI has indicated he wants to clear these objectives with both USIB and IRAC, so there is a real time push. We are slated to have our first discussion of the contents of the list with OMB representatives next week, and we are now in the process of defining "milestones" which we and OMB can use in measuring progress toward achievement of each objective.

2. Are there any substantive objectives which you would like to have added to this listing.

3. If so, we would need to have them by Friday of this week, and your ideas as to proper milestones no later than 7 May.

4. is handling this project and is available for whatever assistance he might be.

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OBJECTIVES

1. Develop a SIGINT Plan applicable to the entire U.S. SIGINT effort over the next five years in the context of intelligence requirements, priorities and budgetary constraints. The plan, which the Director of the National Security Agency will prepare in coordination with appropriate elements of the Intelligence Community will portray all SIGINT capabilities and will integrate plans [REDACTED]

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2. Cause to be developed under EXCOM auspices a National Imagery Intelligence Plan applicable to the entire U.S. imagery effort in space over the next five years in the context of intelligence requirements, priorities and budgetary constraints. The plan will be applicable to all imagery systems currently available or expected to become operational within the next five years.

3. Improve Intelligence Community capabilities for the collection and exploitation of intelligence information obtainable through human sources by reconstituting the USIB Human Sources Committee, fostering closer interface between Foreign Service reporting and intelligence requirements, and reviewing the application of intelligence manpower, worldwide, to human source collection problems.

4. Continue the Key Intelligence Questions (KIQs) program, including NSCIC involvement, and develop the Key Intelligence Questions Evaluation Process (KEP) to the point where they serve as a means of assessing the effectiveness of national intelligence collection, analysis and production on matters of high current concern to US policymakers.

5. In view of the potential threat which progress in foreign technologies poses to US security interests, sustain a continuing assessment to identify such changes in US collection and analytical capabilities as may be required to enhance the US ability to monitor and anticipate significant technological changes, particularly as regards the USSR and the PRC.

6. Continue the program for improvement of the interface between national and tactical intelligence assets in the interest of providing maximum support for both national intelligence users and the operational field commands without unnecessary redundancy in use of resources.

7. Continue development of a family of national intelligence products as a means of increasing Community participation in the production of national intelligence and reducing the number of serial publications issued by the individual departments and agencies.

8. Continue efforts to improve Intelligence Community capabilities for identifying [REDACTED] reporting on and analyzing crisis situations.

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9. Employing the DCI's integrated Economic Intelligence Plan, identify and keep current on all national-level requirements for foreign economic intelligence, and allocate collection and analytical responsibilities, taking into consideration the resources and capabilities of federal organizations not a part of the Intelligence Community.

10. Improve information handling techniques and develop new approaches to the analysis of intelligence data in the Community through man-machine relationships made possible by application of information science.

11. Examine the match-up between present and projected collection capabilities and associated processing, analytical and dissemination capabilities to identify whether corrective action, including modifications in resource application, is indicated to assure that data exploitation capabilities adequately correlate with data collection capabilities.

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TO : All NIOs

SUBJECT: DCI Intelligence Community
Objectives for FY 1975

I sent each of you a copy of the President's 22 March letter to the DCI, in which the DCI was asked to send the President "by early June" the DCI's recommendations for FY 1975 Intelligence Community objectives. Appended hereto is a note to me from [] of the IC Staff forwarding a draft of eleven such "objectives" proposed by the IC Staff. I would like to discuss them at our 2 May meeting. This topic deserves more thought than I have yet been able to give it, but a quick reading leaves me with the strong impression that the DCI can submit a better (and better phrased) set of objectives than these.

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